

# Anatomy, Trimming and Hoof Protection – California

This three-day clinic fulfills the beginner series clinic requirement for PHCP students.

Days 1 and 2 will cover anatomy and trimming.

Day 3 will cover hoof protection and shoe removal.

## Some of the topics covered

- Basic distal limb anatomy
- Exploration of anatomy through cadaver trimming and dissection
- Trimming with power tools and grinder safety



- Shoe removal for ease and comfort to both horse and trimmer

Use the [converter](#) to find your local time.

**TYPE** Hands-on

**WITH** Melody OBrien

**WHERE** 194 Cate Street, Quincy, CA

**WHEN** Jun 20, 2026 - Jun 22, 2026

**COST** \$525.00, \$675.00 non-member

**CREDITS** 24

**STATUS** Active

## All clinics

[Advanced Anatomy and Radiographs – Colorado](#)

[Anatomy, Trimming and Hoof Protection – Tennessee](#)

[Advanced Anatomy and Radiographs – Tennessee](#)

[A Fresh Look at Heel Anatomy](#)

[Wear Patterns, What They Really Mean](#)

[Anatomy, Trimming and Hoof Protection – Florida](#)

[Reading Radiographs for the Hoof Care Practitioner](#)

[Documenting Hoof Rehabilitation](#)

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[WTF – What the founder?](#)

- Transitioning to barefoot
- Alternative forms of hoof protection
- Fit and use of a wide variety of boots including EasyCare, Scoot Boots, Renegades, Soft Rides, Cavallo, Equine Fusion and more, based on performance, rehab or rider needs (glue on protection is not included in this clinic)
- How and when to use hoof casting
- Which padding options to utilize for various pathologies and rehab needs
- How to perform modifications and repairs to hoof boots
- Casting and booting on live horses



## Prerequisites

Read through the [PHCP Introduction to Equine Diet and Lifestyle](#).

Study the [PHCP Introduction to Equine Hoof Anatomy](#).

Visit [Anatomy of the Equine](#) to get familiar with the distal limb anatomy before you attend the clinic. Consider purchasing online coursework and ebooks.

[Sustaining Your Hoof Care Business](#)

[Off to a Good Start: Trimming](#)

### MANAGE CONSENT

[Distortion, and Laminitis](#)

[Feeding Performance Horses](#)

[Hands-on Reading Radiographs for the Hoof Care Practitioner](#)

[Recognizing and Understanding the Role of Pain in Structural and Functional Asymmetries](#)

[Anatomy, Trimming and Hoof Protection – New York](#)

[Feeding Pregnant and Growing Horses](#)

[The Smart Way to Feed Horses](#)

[Anatomy, Trimming and Hoof Protection – Quebec](#)

[Advanced Anatomy and Radiographs – Quebec](#)

[Feeding for Special Needs](#)

[Starting Your Hoof Care Business](#)

[Hyperinsulinemia, Laminitis, and PPID: Diagnosis and Management](#)

[How to Create and Manage Your Track System](#)

[Limb Conformation, Body Posture and Hoof Capsule Distortions](#)

[Collaboration Between Hoof Care Professionals & Equine Bodyworkers](#)

[Dr. Bowker on Sound versus Healthy Hooves](#)

[Changes in Coffin Bone Structure and Influence of Trimming](#)

[Dr. Tomas Teskey on the Equine Dental-Body](#)

## What to bring

Trimming tools if you have them and are able to travel with them (gloves, nippers, hoof knife, rasp, chaps/apron, and hoof stand). Shoe pullers are optional. If you aren't able to bring tools, please let us know so we can have extras on hand.

A notebook and pen.

If you have a cadaver leg of your own you would like to dissect with us please let us know and bring it along. Cadaver legs are getting harder to come by and can be quite expensive. If you have access to some we would be grateful.

Dress in layers and be prepared for warm or cool weather. We will be outside and will have cover if necessary. Quincy is at 3500' so it can be chilly!

If you would like lunch to be provided at the clinic for \$10 per day, please select that option when you register. If you would like to bring your own lunch or have dietary restrictions there are grocery stores and restaurants nearby. We will take an hour lunch and will have plenty of time to enjoy a meal.

## Accommodations

The clinic is located in Quincy, CA, and is an easy 1.5-hour drive from the Reno-Tahoe International Airport. Accommodations in Quincy include Airbnbs, hotels (I recommend the Quincy Courtyard Suites or the Ranchito Motel) or Bed and Breakfasts (The Feather Bed or Ada's Place). There are also many camping options in and around Quincy.

You will receive an email with more details when you sign up. Don't hesitate to reach out to Melody with any questions!

## Travel

Reno-Tahoe International Airport is an easy 1.5 hour drive away.

I encourage folks to coordinate with other clinic attendees for car rentals and hotels if you'd like to save on money. If you would like to explore this option, [email](#) or text me at 530-521-2379 and I will help put you in touch with other attendees who are also interested in sharing.

### Connection

[Choosing and Fitting Hoof Boots](#)

[EMS \(IR\) and PPID: Diagnosis and Management](#)

[Paige Poss Explores Hoof Distortions and Hoof Related Pain](#)

[Utilizing Hoof Imaging in your Trimming Decisions](#)

[Equine Biosecurity, It's All About Prevention](#)

[Genetics of Equine Metabolic Syndrome and Laminitis Risk](#)

[Basics of Reading Radiographs](#)

[NRC Plus](#)

[Cushing's and Insulin Resistance](#)

All of our educational offerings are open to the public.



**Start time** is 9:00am each day and we'll finish up at 5:00pm.



**Melody O'Brien** is a PHCP practitioner, mentor, and clinician. She serves clients in Plumas County, CA. Melody founded her business, [Whole Health Hoof Care & Trimming](#), in 2010. It is rooted in the understanding that healthy hooves depend on consistent, non-invasive trimming, proper and balanced nutrition, and plenty of movement. She strives to educate and empower horse

owners to care for their horses in a way that optimizes their overall health and well-being. She is an Easy Care and Scoot Boot dealer, and fits horse for other boots companies as well. She utilizes glue-ons and composite shoes when necessary.

# Sign up

- For more clinic information email, call or text Melody at [melodymoonbrooke@yahoo.com](mailto:melodymoonbrooke@yahoo.com) or 530-521-2379.
- Auditing will not fulfill the beginning series anatomy clinic requirement.
- Cancellations made one month in advance of the clinic start date will receive a full refund. Between a month out and two weeks in advance of the clinic, cancellations will receive a 50% refund.
- If the clinic itself is cancelled for any reason the student will receive a full refund. Purchasing refundable airline tickets is recommended.



\$200.00 – \$675.00



Participant status

Choose an option

Clinic day and audit options

Choose an option

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